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E.O. 11652: N/A
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ARAMCO CARTOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

1. ARABIAN AMERICAN OIL COMPANY (ARAMCO) BROUGHT TO CONGEN'S ATTENTION FEB 8 DEFENSE MAPPING AGENCY'S (DMA) REQUEST, TRANSMITTED THROUGH ARAMCO'S HOUSTON OFFICE, FOR CARTOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON RAS AL MISHAAB. ARAMCO HAS ADVISED HOUSTON OFFICE THAT REQUESTS FOR THIS KIND OF INFORMATION WOULD BEST BE TRANSMITTED THROUGH AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL, DHAHRAN. WE WILL, IN FURTURE, BE DELIGHTED TO HANDLE DMA'S REQUEST AS POST HAS REGULARLY SCHEDULED WEEKLY MEETING WITH ARAMCO OFFICER BEST ABLE TO HANDLE REQUESTS OF NATURE DMA GENERATES.

2. FYI. ALTHOUGH ARAMCO IS INCORPORATED IN THE UNITED STATES AND SENIOR STAFF IS LARGELY AMERICAN, COMPANY IS 60 PERCENT OWNED BY SAG AND SAUDI ARABIANS ARE BEING PROMOTED TO MORE RESPONSIBLE POSITIONS. CONSEQUENTLY IT IS NOT IN ARAMCO'S OR USG INTERESTS THAT COLLECTION OF INTELLIGENCE DATA (NO MATTER HOW ROUTING AND AVAILABLE IN PUBLIC DOMAIN) BE HANDLED IN COMMERCIAL CABLE TRAFFIC WHICH IS OPEN FOR ALL TO READ AND POSSIBLE MISINTER-PRETATION. THEREFORE, DMA IN FUTURE SHOULD FORWARD ITS REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION FOR ARAMCO THROUGH CONGEN.
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